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# ROLLINS SANDSPUR

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## Still serving up the slop at Beans

by Kate Backes

It is a fact of life that one can never please all of the people, all of the time, nevertheless, it is evident to a majority of Rollins students that the Marriott Corporation isn't even coming close. Throughout the years, Beans has headlined many a *Sandspur* column, under fire over issues ranging from excess expense to a lack of quality meals. It was hoped that this year, by hiring a new corporation, many of the previous years problems would be alleviated. At this time, however, these expectations have hardly been reached.

The incessant fueding between Rollins' students and the food service corporations of the past has lead the *Sandspur* to investigate the student's relationship with this year's new food service, the Marriott corporation. Unfortunately for Marriott and for the students as well, the results point towards a long battle unless action is taken to relieve the tension between the two.

The *Sandspur* investigation consisted of a telephone survey where a random sampling of students were asked to rate several aspects of

### Are you responsible?

by Staff

Everybody knows college is a time for new experiences, freedom, and responsibilities. Students learn to budget their time or face the consequences. College is the end of the curfew, cleaning your room, eating your vegetables, and all the nagging conditions of being a teenager -- or is it? Students at Rollins are experiencing bitter flashbacks of their high school days. They are being penalized for missing class.



Beans, the inside story.

## Rollins a perfect '10'!

by Suzanne McGovern

For the third year in a row Rollins College has been ranked among the nation's best institutions of higher education, according to a poll conducted by U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT. The ranking, published in the October 10, issue of the national news magazine, lists Rollins as number 10 among the nation's comprehensive colleges and universities. Approximately 400

institutions were eligible for the commendation.

The ranking, according to the magazine, is based on student and faculty strength. Factors include the percentage of freshmen in the the top 25 percent of their high school classes, the number of full-time professors with doctorates, the per-student instructional budget, faculty salaries and student-to-faculty ratio.

"The ranking reflects a strong institutional commitment to academic quality," according to David G. Erdmann, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid.

"Our academic profile has improved significantly in the last five years," he said. "In 1983, we received 1,733 applications for a freshman class of approximately 400 students. This year, we received 2,510 applications for approximately the same number of places."

"Our acceptance rate has dropped from 68 percent to 48 percent," Erdmann said, "placing us among the nation's most selective colleges.

At the same time, SAT scores of entering students have increased almost 70 points."

"The current student body has 12 National Merit Finalists" Erdmann added, "and 54 percent of this year's entering freshman finished in the top one-fifth of their high school graduating classes."

Erdmann noted that 92 percent of the Rollins faculty hold the Ph.D or highest degree in their field. The average class size is 15, and the student-faculty ratio is 12 to 1.

In an effort to increase the diversity of its student body, Rollins recruited 65 minority students and 13 international students from its most recent applicant pool, Erdmann said.

Rollins' listing as a comprehensive college takes into consideration all of the institution's schools and programs, according to President Thaddeus Seymour. "These include the undergraduate college, the Roy E. Crummer School of Business, the Hamilton Holt School, cont. on page 5



## NEWS

# Parking for dollars

by Kate Backes

When Mike Young was first offered the position of Director of Campus Safety, he was told that student parking would be one of the hottest issues he'd have to handle—but he took the job anyway. These days you might find him reflecting on that decision as tempers flare and controversy erupts constantly over "Rollins Demolition Derby."

Young is the first to admit that there are simply not enough parking spaces to fill the demands of faculty, students and staff, said Young. "we have approximately 3000 cars on campus to fill the 1000 legal parking spaces, it's simply an unsolvable mess." Young also acknowledged that a student who registers his car is, by no means, guaranteeing himself a parking space, "the \$20 sticker is merely a 'hunting license' for the person to go out

and 'hunt for a parking space.'"

This year the problem has been compounded as 225 parking spaces have literally "vanished" due to construction.

The decline in space, as well as the essential need to keep all firelanes open, has resulted in a Campus Security crackdown on illegally parked vehicles, said Mike Young, "we are being more aggressive on not only students, but faculty and staff as well, and we have stepped up on enforcement."

It is too early to compare the number of tickets written last year to those issued at this time, however Young believes that there has been a substantial increase and many students would agree.

In a recent telephone survey conducted by the Sandspur, 43% of those polled had cars on campus and all had acquired a permit for their vehicle. This was



Snagged!

the fine for a freshman or an unregistered vehicle on campus is \$25, proving the \$20 registration fee to be worth the investment even if it is only a "hunting license."

The survey confirmed that security is indeed cracking down on offenders, for of the 56% that admitted to parking their cars illegally this year, 100% received at least one ticket for their offense. Another overwhelming statistic was the fact that when all were polled and asked, "if you received a ticket (or if you were to) would it deter you from parking illegally again?", 75% responded that they would refrain from parking illegally for fear of another ticket.

While this statistic

appears promising, the fact that over half had parked illegally at least once (one student even admitted to doing it 15 times) illustrates the need for more spaces. One student had this to say, "I don't park illegally because I want to or because I find the risk of receiving a ticket exhilarating, I park illegally because I have no other choice."

Another student expressed what she felt was a "ripple effect", "people who don't have parking stickers at all, or who have stickers to a lot that isn't convenient for them, will park randomly, forcing another student who had a legitimate space to park illegally somewhere else."

Several students complained about the parking area behind Elizabeth and Ward. The unpaved areas made the the students wary about the possible damage that could be inflicted upon their cars, while others spoke of trees near the lot that were infamous for depositing sticky sap onto vehicles. One student surveyed had this to say "the spaces are so close together behind Elizabeth and Ward that everytime I park there, I have to worry about hitting someone else's car, or getting hit myself. If the lot was repaved, I'm sure many new spaces would be created, as well as the hazardous risks lessened."

While the students complaints are legitimate, and their frustrations well deserved, the need for

strictly regulated parking, especially with the limited space, is an undeniable fact. Though many students view the security officers as "ticket happy" with a penchant for slapping \$25 fines on BMWs in firelanes, according to Mike Young, the truth remains that they "have no quota to fill, and absolutely receive no commission on tickets issued."

In case anyone was wondering just where the ticket money does go, Young explained that all of it goes directly back into the general college fund, where eventually, some of it is channeled back to Campus Safety.

The future of parking at Rollins does not look particularly bright. While the Park Avenue Building is being demolished, much of the parking space will be temporarily lost, however it is the hope and belief that once the dust has settled there will be an increase, though not substantial, over the original amount.

The bottom line is that unless the next project on President Seymour's agenda is the construction of a Spanish-Mediterranean style high-rise parking garage, the nail-biting, teethclenching, parking conditions will be around for quite a while.



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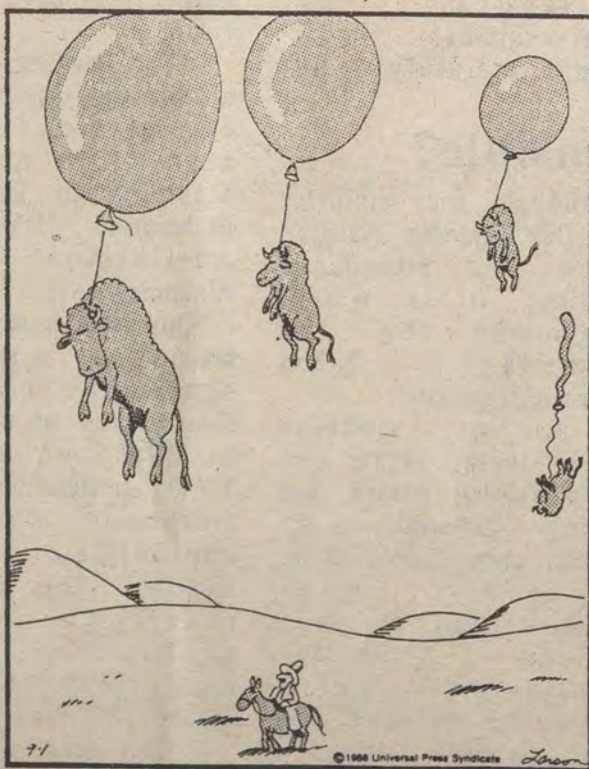
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## THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



MORE FACTS OF NATURE: As part of nature's way to help spread the species throughout their ecological niche, bison often utilize a behavior naturalists have described as "ballooning."



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## It wasn't me

by James Annear

Why is the Sandspur so late? Well, that's your fault, not ours. So I guess that was a rhetorical question, right? Do you feel insulted right now? I hope so, because nobody could be more deserving. This is your newspaper and yet you leave it up to 0.47% of

the student population to produce it. Feel bad yet? Probably not, so let's point out a few more little problems, shall we? You expect a paper to come out on time every month. You also expect that it be both entertaining and informative. All this and I'm getting just a might bit nauseous from all the complaints

I've been hearing. So unless you're willing to put in the effort to ensure that the Sandspur comes out on time then either put up or shut up. I bet you feel like writing me a letter full of many and varied insults, probably inundated with expletives - save your breath, I was just kidding. I know what you're thinking... you're thinking that

I'm a lower end of the rectum, aren't you? Well I tend to agree with you but that doesn't mean that we can't get along does it? But seriously folks, we do need your help. All the editing positions are filled with the exception of that of the Theme section. All the articles in this section deal with one topic, or theme. Each month a different theme is

chosen, which necessitates having a different theme editor for each issue. November's section will center around the General Election, so if you feel that you have a particular interest or expertise in this area, and that you would like to give editing a try, then drop us a line at Box 2742. We also need a "bank" of writers - if

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## Beans...(continued from page 1)

Beans, which have had controversial backgrounds in the past, namely; the food, portions, price and service. All results pointed towards, to say the least, an unsatisfied student body.

The average numerical "grade" reported by the students concerning the quality of the food was a "4" out of the possible "10" points. Some students justified their analysis, as one disgruntled customer said, "I know that Beans isn't a gourmet restaurant by any stretch of the imagination and I've been told that no college dining hall ever is, however I expect more from them besides tasteless, monotonous menus, and I really think they should be above serving gray roast beef."

Kevin O'Barr offered advice to fellow students with the warning, "you should never order the meat when it's in quotation marks!"

Other complaints over the food concerned "the lack variety in the A La Carte section," and "a limited salad bar".

Marriott's service fared slightly better than it's food, however it still struggled to hit the middle of the road with an average score of "5". Students were most dissatisfied with the "excruciatingly long lines and slow, at times incompetent, service at the Grille." Another student relayed a horror story of waiting in line for ten or fifteen minutes, only to discover that his order had been mixed up, "by that point", he said in exasperation, "I was already going to be late for my class so it wasn't worth it to wait around for another ten minutes so I ended up paying for and eating something I really didn't want."

Gail Robinson, Director of Food Service, blamed the Grille's problem on "the lack of proper facilities" in Beans. However this hardly parallels the Grille's description in the campus brochure where it boasts that it is "designed with high quality and quick, efficient service in mind."

Another complaint raised by the students,

though seemingly minute at first glance, concerned the amount of ice in beverages, said one student surveyed on the issue, "I know it may sound like I'm knit-picking, but I'm just so sick of ordering a soda and having it 75% full of ice. I can't tell you how many times I've asked nicely for "very little ice", and all that does is mean I get only 50% that time. I now take time out of my own meal time to stand in the long A La Carte line just to make my own drink. It's just a hassle I don't need."

Students rang up a measly "4" of the ten points for Marriott's portions, arguing that the serving size has noticeably decreased from last year. Gail Robinson said that this year Beans is using what they call, "portion control", which regulates the amount of food in each serving through a device Marriott refers to as "spoodles". However, Robinson maintains that these portions are no smaller than last year and the fact that a new

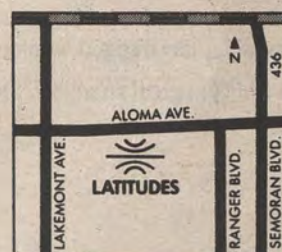
"portion control" system was regulated at the same time students began to suspect smaller portions is purely coincidental.

Despite the extremely poor ratings of the previous three categories, none registered a lower score, nor stirred up as much emotion than the price of food at Beans, which compiled a pathetic "3" of the possible ten points. An irate 90% of those polled felt they were being overcharged for their food. Indeed, Gail Robinson admitted, there has been a 3% increase in prices from last year, that when compounded by the questionable issue of "portion control" has created a situation where as one student put it, "we feel we are being ripped off."

There have been some jumps in prices on certain items that question the validity of the 3% increase. For instance, the New York Strip Steak rose from \$4.25 to \$5.35, resulting in over a 14% increase considering tax, and salad jumped from 19 cents to 25 cents an ounce, a 30% increase over last year. With Beans cont. on page 5

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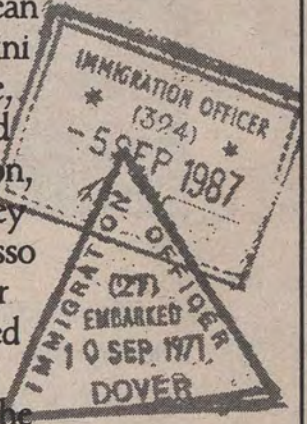
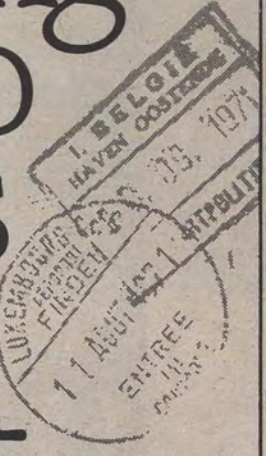
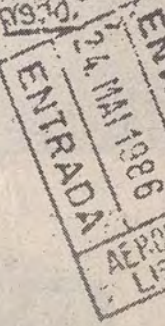
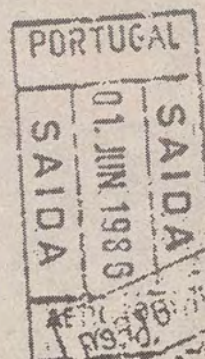
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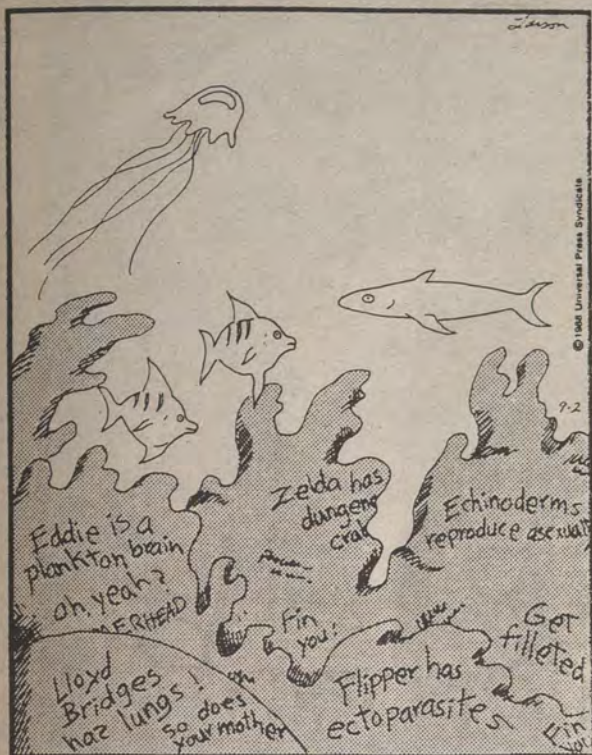




## NEWS

## THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



Coral reef graffiti

## Attendance...(continued from page 1)

students feel it is common sense that they be expected to attend classes and that it is unnecessary to be penalized for not being able to attend. One student emphasizes this when she says, "If you miss a number of classes then you've already punished yourself, there's no need for further penalties imposed by the professors." If the student is to be punished for not attending should they not also be rewarded for attending?

The punishment and reward policy would be juvenile. The student would feel even more like a child. The students want the full responsibility. Brendan Contant of the class of 1989 remarked that "you're foolish if you miss too many classes... you shouldn't be babysat by such a policy." Mark Albury of the junior class also wants full responsibility, claiming, "It should be up to the student to budget his own time." In a Sandspur Telephone Survey, the majority of the students expressed feelings like Brendan's and Mark's. When asked if they were in favor of the attendance policy, which lowers a student's academic average after a specified number of absences, only thirty percent said yes. Sixty percent opposed the policy, and ten percent were undecided. Again, sixty percent of the students felt their rights as responsible adults were being violated and forty percent said no. Finally, fifty-five

percent felt the attendance policy should be eliminated completely and forty-five felt it should simply be altered.

The majority of the faculty oppose the students' view of the policy. The faculty supports the policy. Although the weight of the policy is different from department to department, it is essential to all departments. The administration requires that each faculty member publish his own attendance policy. After this requirement, the policy is left entirely in the hands of the professor. The professors have the flexibility to construct the policy any way they wish.

Interviews were conducted with faculty members from a variety of departments. All agreed the policy was a positive force in the student's education. The policies varied from a requirement of attending all classes (Physics department representative) to the ability to miss four absences before a penalty (English dept. representative).

The faculty's decisions on the policy are determined with the student's welfare in mind. One faculty member from the physical education department suggests that the attendance policy "keeps the students from making an overestimation of their ability to perform." A member from the English department supports this statement by saying that the

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## Perfect '10'...(continued from page 1)

the graduate program in Education and Human Development, and the Brevard Campus," Seymour said. "Combined enrollment of all of those programs totals nearly 4,000 students."

Rollins first gained the U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT recognition during its Centennial observance in 1985. It is the first

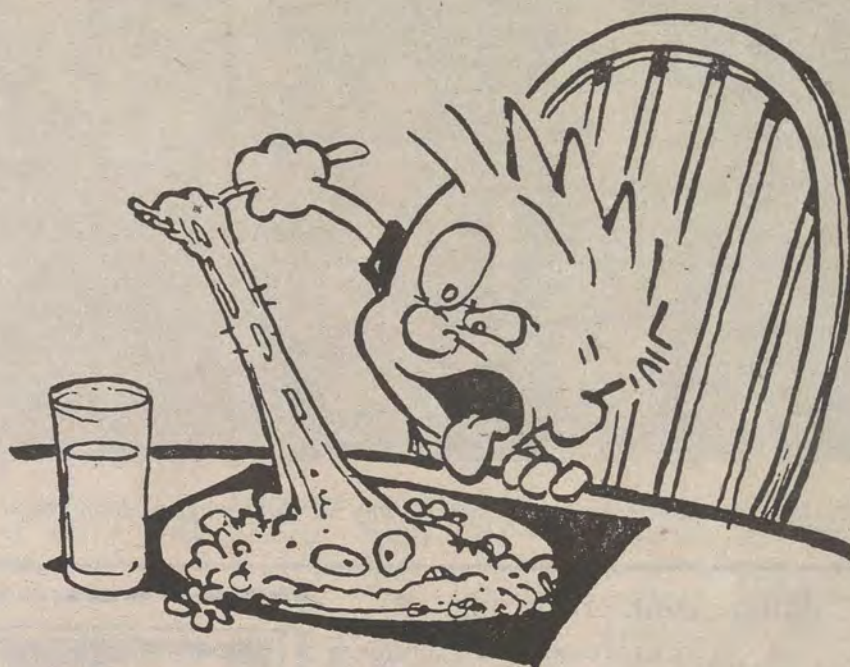
private institution of higher education to be chartered in the state of Florida.



## It wasn't me... (continued from page 3)

you feel that you might want to write an article at some point give us your name and number so that we keep you on file, or call us and find out when the next meeting is scheduled to take place. Help us out...or we'll start charging you \$5.00 an issue! Bleah! Bleah!

## Beans...(continued from page 4)



increases such as these examples, in order to maintain only a 3% average increase, several food items would have to have been drastically reduced, however to the students, these items remain to be unseen.

The combination of numerous Marriott maladies has led a majority of Rollins students to search for dining alternatives. 70% of those polled replied that they would go to an off-campus restaurant, even if it meant paying a few extra dollars to avoid the Beanery.

However, while these students would pay for what they considered "better food", many argued that they don't have to. Said senior Tracy Turner, "in some cases, you can eat off-campus and pay less for larger portions and better quality."

There is evidence to support these opinions, for instance, a student could purchase two cheeseburgers at Burger King for eight cents more, or one double-cheeseburger for five cents more

then just one cheeseburger at the Grille. A large serving of french fries at the Grille costs fifty-one cents more than a large at Burger King, enabling a student to buy both a regular size and a large size for just fourteen cents more than one large. Other local restaurants which students found themselves flocking to were Jin Ho, Nam On, Dominos, Rak's, and the Olive Garden, where as one student said, "you may be paying a little less, maybe even a little more, but the taste and quantity are what really matters."

However it is apparent that these students aren't happy to be forced off-campus for dining, said one student "it's inconvenient for me, and I don't always have the time or the cash to eat off-campus, yet I feel I have no choice."

The students at Rollins want a food service that offers diverse, quality meals at reasonable prices, that are served efficiently. There is an obvious need for

communication among the students and the Marriott Corporation to resolve the various problems. Students who have opinions, concerns, complaints, or suggestions, are advised to voice them, rather than boycott Beans.

For this reason, specially arranged Director's Dinners have been set up every Wednesday from five o'clock until six o'clock. Interested students must sign up in advance through Mike Lawrence. Gail Robinson emphasized this opportunity, saying, "We (Marriott) are here to service the students, we want them to come to us when they have a problem, in the hopes that maybe we can do something about it."

From the Sandspur investigation, it is clear that there are many unsatisfied Validine customers, however, unless the communication lines are opened the troubles between Marriott and the Rollins students have only just begun.



## NEWS



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### Attendance Policy cont. from pg. 5

attendance policy allows him to note if the student is having a problem not only in class but outside of class. Other professors claim that they are giving the students what they are paying for.

Most professors have a concern for their class. Roy Starling of the English department remembers his undergraduate classes at Florida State University. In the classes without any policy the morale was distinctly low. He claims, "Part of being a student is coming to class." The faculty realizes that in a small liberal arts college like Rollins, discussion is the greatest means of teaching. A discussion lacks more and more with each student that is absent.

The faculty, in their comments, have

expressed a concern for the welfare of the students. Perhaps this concern would be better expressed by giving the students the responsibility of attending classes without the proverbial leash around their necks. After all, in the world beyond college there are no such restraints, it is every man for himself. What a shock it will be when those who are really in need of a certain amount of learned responsibility find they have none. It must be said that these people are not being prepared for life beyond school. If they overestimate their "ability to perform" it is, perhaps, better that they overestimate it in an environment where it may only result in the loss of a grade rather than one where that result may be the loss of a job.

### Doonesbury



BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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by Sally Ruppenthal

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# Opinion

## Don't tolerate corruption and mediocrity

contributed

Recently a classmate stated that Rollins students need to be more accepting of our peers. I propose that the opposite is true.

We should not settle for mediocrity. If we tolerate second-rate behavior, we might as well condone it. It is harmful to pardon unethical attitudes. Rather than attempting to be satisfied with a college society that ignores corruption, we should demand that our peers strive for perfection, not act as though some of us are superior to our peers, but as though we recognize the infinite potential of the individual.

At Rollins, behavior such as selfishness, cruelty and waste are seldom addressed. These and other misdeeds, cheating for example, are incorporated into our society as if they are normal. Instead of

permitting destructive acts to become a part of our environment, concerned students should confront these issues.

Cheating is a wrongdoing that has been belittled at Rollins. One student was expelled from school because he copied papers from another student and stole a test, performing an utterly selfish injustice. His punishment seemed suitable to his violation. Despite the student's misconduct, however, he was

allowed to return to Rollins the following semester. The student from whom the cheater copied essays had been unaware that he was being used, and the innocent student was also threatened with expulsion. Furthermore the cheater's place in school might have been better utilized by a prospective student who would have produced genuine work.

After an entire class was required to retake the exam that the student had cheated on, and knowing that he

lied in an attempt to stay in school, I find it appalling that the student was readmitted. Because many students work hard and honestly to earn grades, I believe that cheating is unfair. More importantly, the student cheated himself because he failed to learn, neglecting his own ability to discover and grow.

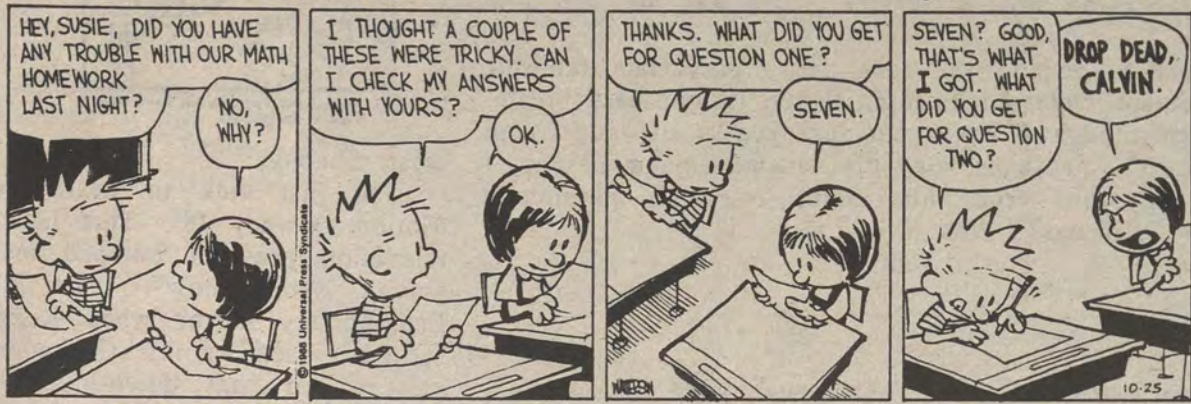
An act can be considered "wrong" if a person harms himself or another human being. The dishonest student did both. The fact that he was caught

apparently did not phase him, because the cheater has returned to depend upon others to work for him.

It is an outrage that justice has not been served. This cheater exemplifies our willingness to stoop to corrupt and inferior standards, if we maintain any. I fear that we are losing pride in ourselves. It is sad to consider that this cheater, and others, have no self-respect or perseverance, when endless opportunities await them and remain neglected.

### Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



### Advice...

by Tso Tsumi

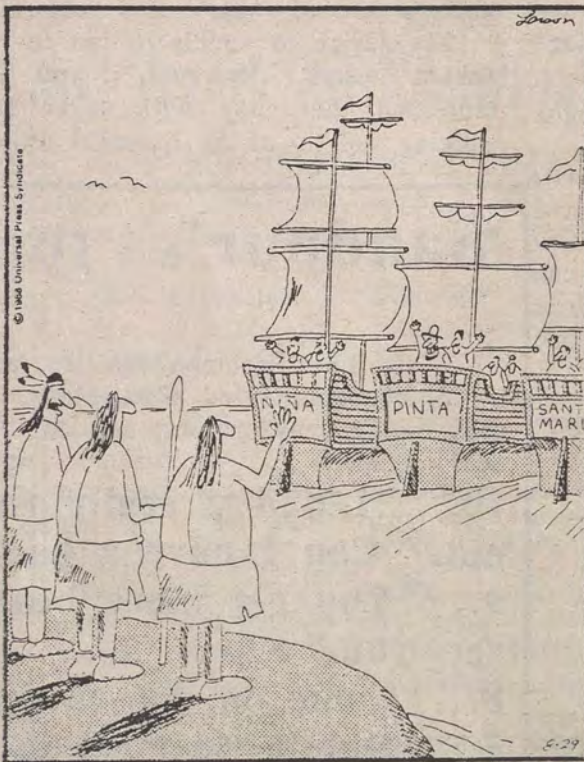
Don't you just hate it when you tell your problems to a friend and he tells you what to do about them? I hate it when its done to me, but I go right ahead and do it to others. Its reflexive. I think that we think giving advice is the only way to continue the conversation. A good psychologist doesn't give advice, he lets you come to your own decisions by helping you see all the sides of a problem.

Giving advice makes you feel good about yourself, as though you've done a good deed for the day. Its always best to remember that advice is free- you are no more or less generous by giving or with holding counsel. Advice is an opinion that is offered as to action or counsel and therein it is usually of singular importance to you.

When I give advice I try to be as much like a trained psychologist as possible. But, maybe I'm wrong. Its probably better just to listen. Ted Koppel

### THE FAR SIDE

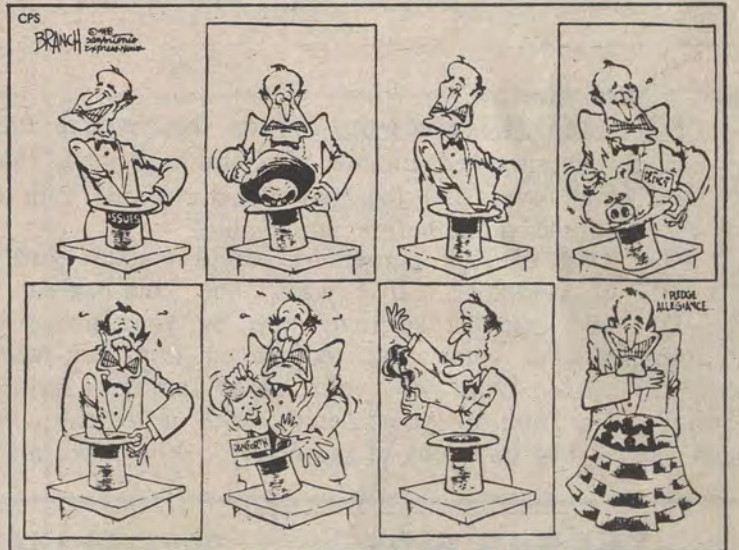
By GARY LARSON



"Did you detect something a little ominous in the way they said, 'See you later?'"

once said that the reason he is such a good interviewer is that he has an ability to listen. Most people tend to fix on what they have to say and in doing so forget to listen. There isn't any point in giving advice anyway. The only person it helps is the advisor. The average person with the average problem already knows what to do deep down inside, so

all he's trying to do is reassure himself of his decision by telling someone else. Its a good method, and it gives confidence. The last thing the average person is looking for is advice. He just wants a good ear. So be a good friend, listen and don't satisfy your ego by offering your opinion. That's my advice-- Take it or leave it.



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## OPINION

## Dear Shabby

Dear Shabby,

Last year I went on a two week vacation to the Bahamas, and it was great! I met this fantastic man (I'll call him Romeo) and we instantly fell in love.

The remainder of the trip was like a fairytale romance, as we spent every waking moment together. He was my first true love.

As our vacation ended, we sadly bid a passionate farewell, swearing to remain endeared to each other to our last breath. However, even though I have sent him scores of letters and left hundreds of messages on his answering machine, I haven't heard a word from him since our last passionate embrace in the Bahamas? What ever can I do?

Juliet

Dear Julie,

Wake up and smell the coffee! This guy's good for one thing and that's scraping dead animals off the highway! He's nothing! I'd tell you to forget him, but that would be letting the little toad off too easily. Here's what to do; select a romantic piece of stationary and compose a letter along these lines:

Dear Romeo,

I feel that it is my bittersweet duty to inform you that during our recent passion-filled holiday, I exposed you to the AIDs virus. Just thought you'd like to know.

Love,

Juliet

Works every time.

Dear Shabby,

I have a problem that most of the women in the world will probably be unable to comprehend. You see, I'm beautiful, and have what any man would consider to be a perfect "10" body. The problem? I can't get a date to save my life! Believe it or not, most men feel intimidated by my knockout looks, and would rather sacrifice my presence than take a risk at being turned down by a (and I don't mean to brag) goddess.

Please Shabby, help me to get the word out to all the men of the world, there is no reason to be afraid of beautiful women- why settle for beer, when you have the champagne?

Miss America

Dear "Miss America",

*Pleeeeeeaaasse!* Just who do you think you're fooling, babe? I'd bet my autographed picture of Geraldo Rivera, that not only do you weigh over 250 lbs, but Tommy Lasorda in drag would get asked to the prom before you would!

What kind of sick perversion would possess you to compose this pile of compost? If I wasn't the kind-hearted soul that I am, I'd have made a surprise stop by your house with a few photographers to catch you red-handed (and red-faced). I can see you now, lying on your tacky sofa, wearing a velour bathrobe in front of your Zenith, with a remote control in one hand and a bag of Oreos in the other! You make me sick!

## THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"I'm afraid you've got cows, Mr. Farnsworth."



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Dear Shabby,

I'm just sick to death over this foul-mouthed hooligan, Morton Downey Jr. This little Mr. Dirty-mouth and disgusting television program bumped my favorite, all-time series, "The Donna Reed Show", from its weekly late-night time slot! Imagine my horror when Reggie, my little Chihuahua, and I settled back in my Craftmatic-Adjustable-Bed, his little ears pricked for that down-home comforting theme music, when instead this horrifying man with huge teeth came running onto the screen while hundreds of sex-crazed, pot-smoking teenagers cheered him on! I nearly thought I would faint when he grabbed a poor girl from the audience and forced her to kiss him- why Reggie was so upset he made a no-no on the bedspread. But that wasn't all. This despicable crazy-man actually called one of his guests a- oh, I just can't force my hand to write the word, but it was a "witch", only with a "B" in place of the "W"! The guests and topics of his show are enough to make me want to wash Mr. Morton Downey Jr.'s mouth out with a quart of Downey detergent!

Here's hoping you can help!

Gertrude Stein

Dear Trudie,

First of all Trudie, I want to commend you for your attempt at humor on the second-to-last line. Keep practicing those puns and pretty soon you'll be good enough to write the dialogue between the local news anchors. In response to your request for help, and there is certainly no denying that you need it, I suggest that you take a look at your own pathetic, polyester-ridden before you start ragging on the first man to sexually excite you since Fred McMurray. Don't even try to deny it, Trudie, because you know as well as I, that when ol'Macho Mort swaggers up to that "Big Mouth" microphone, it does something to a woman, personally it makes me gag, however, I see in you deeper, more passionate feelings towards that red-socked He-Man.

My advice to you is to "go for it", don't deny yourself these wanton desires. However, if you find that your feelings are so repressed that they will never surface- at least stop your whining and do as the immortal Mort would say, just "ZIP IT!".

## Sandpur's top ten

Rollins freshmen females have compiled the following list of commonly used pickup lines. They were all legitimately used during conversations, and no, The Sandspur did NOT make this list up!

10. "I had a really rough day working out. Can I have a backrub?"
  9. "You get more beautiful each time I see you."
  8. "Come on, loosen up. This is college!"
  7. "Didn't we meet in Cairo last year?"
  6. "I have a case back in my room. Do you want one? . . . Or 8 or 9?"
  5. "Are you Catholic? . . . Too bad, then we can't get married."
  4. "But enough about me, let's talk about you. What do you think about me?"
  3. "Want to go for a ride in my Porsche?"
  2. "All the guys here are real jerks, but I swear I'm different."
- And the number one pickup line at Rollins is . . .
1. "Are those real or Lee Press On Nails?"



## Rollins: I wouldn't want to be anywhere else

By Suzi Williams

One year ago when I was a high school senior filling out college applications, I decided to apply to Rollins College because it "looked pretty." At that time I knew very little of Rollins' academic reputation or of the school, itself. I had never seen the campus until just over a month ago, when I arrived as a member of the class of 1992. From the first moment I set foot on campus, I knew I had undoubtedly made the right decision in coming here.

I think the majority of Rollins students will agree with my sentiments, and while there are definite improvements that could be made, there is no such thing as "the perfect school." But in my eyes, and in the eyes of many of my peers, Rollins comes pretty close.

The country club image very obviously still exists. But that doesn't detract from the academic expectations of the school. In the past four years, the

average SAT scores of incoming freshmen has increased from 940 to 1080, and this years freshmen class has the highest combined GPA/SAT scores of any class ever to enter Rollins. This just goes to show that while Rollins may never entirely kick this undeniable image, there is much more to the school than bronzed students lying by the pool.

Upperclassmen seem to have many more gripes than freshmen. Of course this is because they have been here longer and know much more about what is going on within the school. I have heard complaints ranging from the Greek system to Beans to cheating to the social life in general at Rollins.

While granted, some of these things could be vastly improved upon, I don't think any of these so called "problems" are anything to lose sleep over.

So the food at Beans is high priced and far from Mom's home cooking? Few schools



do much better, and the way I see it, the worse the food is, the less one will eat, and the easier it is to battle "freshman 15."

I also don't see what good it would do to abolish the Greek system. Fraternities and sororities serve as social groups and provide their members with somewhat of a

family unit. (Why else would they be called "brothers and sisters?")

Improvements upon campus can and should be made wherever possible. And I think the administration is doing their best to make these improvements. The Student Life Summit is a direct example of that.

I think that many freshmen could be very happy at any number of other schools, but Rollins has a different kind of atmosphere, due to its size, location, and the makeup of its student body. And after spending a month here, I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

## Alternative group starts at Rollins

Contributed

The recent Student Life Summit brought many "hidden" issues which plague the campus to light. Attention was given to problems which ranged from WPRK to the "dating problem". One hidden issue which was not mentioned publicly, however, was the problem of homophobia.

Of all the possible reasons for a student to feel alienated and isolated on this campus: lack of money, being the wrong color, wanting to date more than one guy... imagine how a gay or lesbian must feel on this campus. You may think it's hard not to own a BMW, well let me tell you!

This is an institution of higher education. The people of this community, students in particular, are adults. Since conservative estimates state that at least ten percent of the population is gay, then it is safe to assume that

there are a pretty good number of us on campus. There is nothing to be alarmed about; this is reality.

A few years ago, when I arrived on this campus as a very excited freshman, I looked forward to finding the Gay and Lesbian Student Association which I had heard was existant on every campus in the nation. Needless to say, one does not exist here. Undaunted, I decided it would not be long until I found the underground. And it took me a couple of years to find the gay friends that I do have. Let's face it; one just doesn't walk up to another person on the sidewalk, say that promised "hello", and then proceed to ask whether or not the person happens to be gay as well.

Well, a couple of us decided that we were tired of just maybe catching eyes with or smiling at other people in Beans. We're really tired of waiting for

other people to get such a group together.

As a result, we anticipated what became a major conclusion at the Summit; we decided that it's up to each of us to try to meet people and take risks. We decided that we would start such a group.

To make a very long story a little shorter, we wrote a letter to the Pulse stating our intentions and it was never published. Obviously this is an indication of how hard this endeavor is going to be. We have spoken with and received support from all levels of the administration and many faculty and staff members. Everyone agrees that it is time to improve student life for a rather invisible group here on campus; lesbians and gays.

We do not want to be an active organization; we have no visions of marching across the lawn of Mills carrying banners. We envision private, informal

## Campus Safety: looking out for you.

by Mike Young

The Rollins Campus Safety Department is here to serve you. It is the responsibility of Campus Safety to ensure the safety and security of all students, faculty staff, and visitors on college property. The staff is comprised of twelve officers and an Administrative Specialist. Campus

gatherings where we might just meet to chat. We understand the need for discretion on this campus, so we are trying to do everything in our power to ensure that these meetings remain extremely low-key.

If you are interested, you may call extension 2171 for more information. We would like to stress that this group is open to all members of our Rollins community; students, staff, faculty, alumni and Holt School students. We already have a good core group who are anxious to help other feel better about life here. Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Safety Officers perform routine patrol duties both in and outside of the residence halls. They investigate crime reports and provide a wide variety of services. Late-night escorts, car unlocks, and other various assistance are just part of the job.

The Campus Safety Department is currently involved in presenting programs to the college community on Date Rape, a growing nationwide problem. Other future programs on security subjects are currently being planned.

You can help us by being aware of security problems such as propped-up open doors, suspicious persons, and other unusual incidents. The department asks that you report these items when you observe them. The number is 2299.

Remember, Campus Safety is here to help you and you can make a difference by reporting unusual incidents. Let's make Rollins safe together.



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# SANDSPUR ACCENT



## HURRICANE HELLMUTH & THE ANGRY SKY GODS OF MERIDA



While most of the world witnessed the angry wrath of Hurricane Gilbert from their television sets last month, one member of the Rollins Community found himself face to face with what has been called, "the worst hurricane of the century."

Dr. Nicholas Hellmuth, an noted archaeologist specializing in Mayan ruins, was on location in Merida, Mexico, when the disaster struck. Also a professional photographer, Dr. Hellmuth was in Merida specifically to photograph Mayan architecture for his winter term class at Rollins entitled, "Palaces, Pyramids, Temples and Tombs of Ancient Mexico." He and two colleagues had driven out of Merida to the desolate ruins, unaware of the approaching hurricane. The threesome didn't learn of their predicament

until they stopped a small restaurant. Dr. Hellmuth described the scene; "we went into the restaurant in search of breakfast, but once inside we discovered that it was deserted. Because we were so hungry, we chose to wait for an hour, with the hope that someone would arrive. It wasn't until we turned on the television set that we realized just why we were the only ones there! At that point Gilbert was just crashing into Cancun, Mexico, so we drove from the ruins back to Merida while the winds raged, already uprooting trees along the way."

Dr. Hellmuth compared the sight of Merida with that of the post-nuclear scene in the movie, "The Day After", "there was not a person to be seen on the streets it was like the entire town had evacuated-except for us. all of Merida had

shut down, and the hotels had barricaded themselves in, as if to fight off the refugees. We went to several of these hotels, trying to find a room and some food, however, in each situation, the managers would open a tiny peephole in the boarded-up door and shake their heads, 'no'. Finally, after trudging through flooded streets, torrential rain and falling trees, we found a hotel that would take us."

However, as Dr. Hellmuth soon discovered, the hotel offered no more than shelter. Without electricity, water or nourishment, all Hellmuth could do was wait for the hurricane to hit. He described the impact of the storm, "Gilbert struck between five o'clock and seven o'clock PM. At that point the hotel's windows were blown open, allowing the soaking rains to saturate the bed and (continued on pg. 13).

## Rollins: A theme park world by Gina Mastroluca

We're never hungry here. Sure we complain about the quality of the food provided to us, but this is just idle chat, a safe topic of discussion, one that we can speak knowledgeably about to our table mates. We are rarely unbearably hot or cold. Consistent warmth and sunshine are what we plan for and expect. We pout and convince ourselves that we don't feel well when it rains -- that dose of sunlight for our already well tanned bodies is being unjustly denied.

We're not the college students who work, and are still constantly broke, wearing worn, ripped jeans not in the name of fashion, but because it is impractical to buy new ones. It is not often that we stay in on weekend nights to discuss intensely a newly learned topic, do research in the library, or work on a paper. Those are the ones who sacrifice and struggle to get through

college, students with a thirst for personal growth.

Not us. We want to do well, academically, but only if it does not interfere with pleasurable and social pursuits. Here there is little spirit of interactive learning. Many students don't say anything in classes. We fear not so much being wrong as appearing to be too interested in the class or our studies in general. We rarely talk about the new philosophy we are reading about or debate an issue outside of class. Discussions with friends or acquaintances are reserved for chat about sex, soap operas, physical appearance, commodities, or other people. We have forgotten the one statement that Thad kept reinforcing to us as freshmen: "Your business here is your academics." Many of us get caught up in playing the game of our business. We do

merely what is asked to get the grade and ticket to the mob market.

We do not advocate deferred graduation. These are not years of sacrifice for learning; rather this is the time and the place to begin training for the high life. Many of us dine out frequently. To cure the poor-test-grade blues we stroll down Park Avenue for an elaborate addition to our already pretentious wardrobe or an over-priced knick-knack of some sort. Our parking lot is graced with schools of Mercedes, Volvos, BMWs, Porsches, and other high-class vehicles. Most of us play tennis, the sport of the rich. We sail, water-ski, and fence for Phys. Ed. We stroll amidst well-groomed, lime-green grass, colorful, ever-blooming flowers, impeccably trimmed shrubs, well plotted vegetation, and a pure, ice-blue pool that reflects the overhanging palms.

We are secure in our movie-set environment, in this theme-park world.

This is not the real world. Rollinization is the intensified socialization process of the potential elite of America. We don't tap our excellent resources, nor do we view ourselves as learners. We are not reminded of political stresses of oppression. There are no reminders of the many who gather, hungrily, for daily bread, or of the wandering homeless. After all, this information is distasteful and most uncomfortable to think about. We avoid and remain sheltered from despair, suffering and discomfort. It's easier that way.



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## ENTERTAINMENT

## Viva la muerte!

by Sol Guerrero

Fascination with death is present in many aspects of the Latin culture. The Latin approach to living life day by day and enjoying it as much as possible is partly due to the Catholic religion, the Spanish military tradition, and the art of bullfighting.

Spanish religious beliefs reached their peak during the Counter Reformation of the 17th century. During this period the church presided over the Spanish empire like a huge blood-thirsty vulture. The citizens of the empire were continually reminded of the insignificance of their lives and surrounded by macabre images produced by Baroque painters like Valdes Leal.

Hispanics have always shown a great liking for military matters. At one point the Spanish infantry had been undefeated for five hundred years. Introduction of artillery into warfare finished their dominance of the European continent; the Spanish could not conceive killing from a distance. The most blood-thirsty, murderous and suicidal army unit in the western world is probably the Spanish Foreign Legion,

normally stationed in Northern Africa. This unit raised killing to an art and came with their most famous motto: Viva la muerte! (long live death!). They certainly proved their point during the Spanish Civil War, where one British correspondent wrote: "These chaps are simply too eager to die."

The art of bullfighting is one of the most obvious examples of this fascination with death. For a bullfighter, nothing can equal the sensation of flirting with death in a bull ring. The fighter establishes an intense relationship with the bull, a spiritual union which reaches its climax when one of the two dies. A fighter will talk of another fighter's death in the ring as glorious. The bull's death is also glorious, many a fighter when asked what he loved most has said, "the bull."

Closeness to death contributes to making the Latin life what it is. A race that knows how fragile its existence is will tend to enjoy every moment of it, to give each thing the importance it deserves and to put spiritual matters before the material ones. This is the formula for the quality of life in Hispanic countries.

by Rick Juergens

I awoke to the darkened room in a cold sweat, my face and body drenched with perspiration. "What the hell!" I said to myself, as I began to piece together what had happened in my dream to awake me with such a rattle. Suddenly, it started to come together...

It was Friday night, and I had been studying in Orlando Hall. Feeling sleepy, I had placed my head upon my Norton Anthology, which made for an excellent pillow. After an unknown period of time had elapsed, for who really knows how time proceeds in the mysterious slumberland, I jerked my head up, feeling as though I had been asleep for at least ten hours. Dazed, I looked around the room trying to orientate myself with my surroundings. What I gazed upon did little to aid my sanity, for standing in the corner of the room was a beautiful woman. When I say beautiful, I don't mean your ordinary gorgeous Rollins chick, for she had an aura about her that was divine. Her skin was as fair and smooth as a pear, and her hair flowed and fell around her unclothed body. At

first I thought I was having one of those Fruedian sexual frustration dreams, however, if he would have been there, he would have agreed that this goddess hardly resembled my mother. And then she spoke---

"I am Calliope, the goddess of Epic Poetry and one of the nine daughters of Zeus. You have been picked as the chosen one! You are the one destined to bring about my new society. You are the one who will bring together a community that worships me."

I knew right away that she was a goddess, for she was talking about unity and community in a time preceding the Summit, there was no need to check her divine Validine, she was the real thing.

"How am I going to do this and what are we, as a society going to do?" I questioned.

"You must rely upon your college's and friends to help you with these plebian matters. But if you fail and do not bring this society together, not only will you incur my wrath, but you will endure my father's rage as well."

Although she sounded serious, I still had my doubts. Maybe I was dreaming therefore rendering her powers useless? Who would believe me anyway? However as

quickly as she appeared she departed, with the warning,

"Do not take my suggestion lightly, for if the society isn't formed, I shall rob you of your first born child."

As she disappeared, her name "Calliope" was burned into a table, where it still remains today in room 206.

It was at that point in my life that I began my crusade in the goddesses' name. Much to my surprise, I found the support of both the students and the faculty. We have had two meetings so far, and I have found Kim Kosa and Barbara Carlson as sponsors for the group. We have elected a steering committee of Julie Sloan, Phil Zeis, and myself. We already have four events planned. The first is a graduate studies talk with special guest star William Bartlett, a Rollins Alumni who is currently attending Rutgers University. This will take place October 14th in room 206, Orlando Hall at three o'clock. All are welcome.

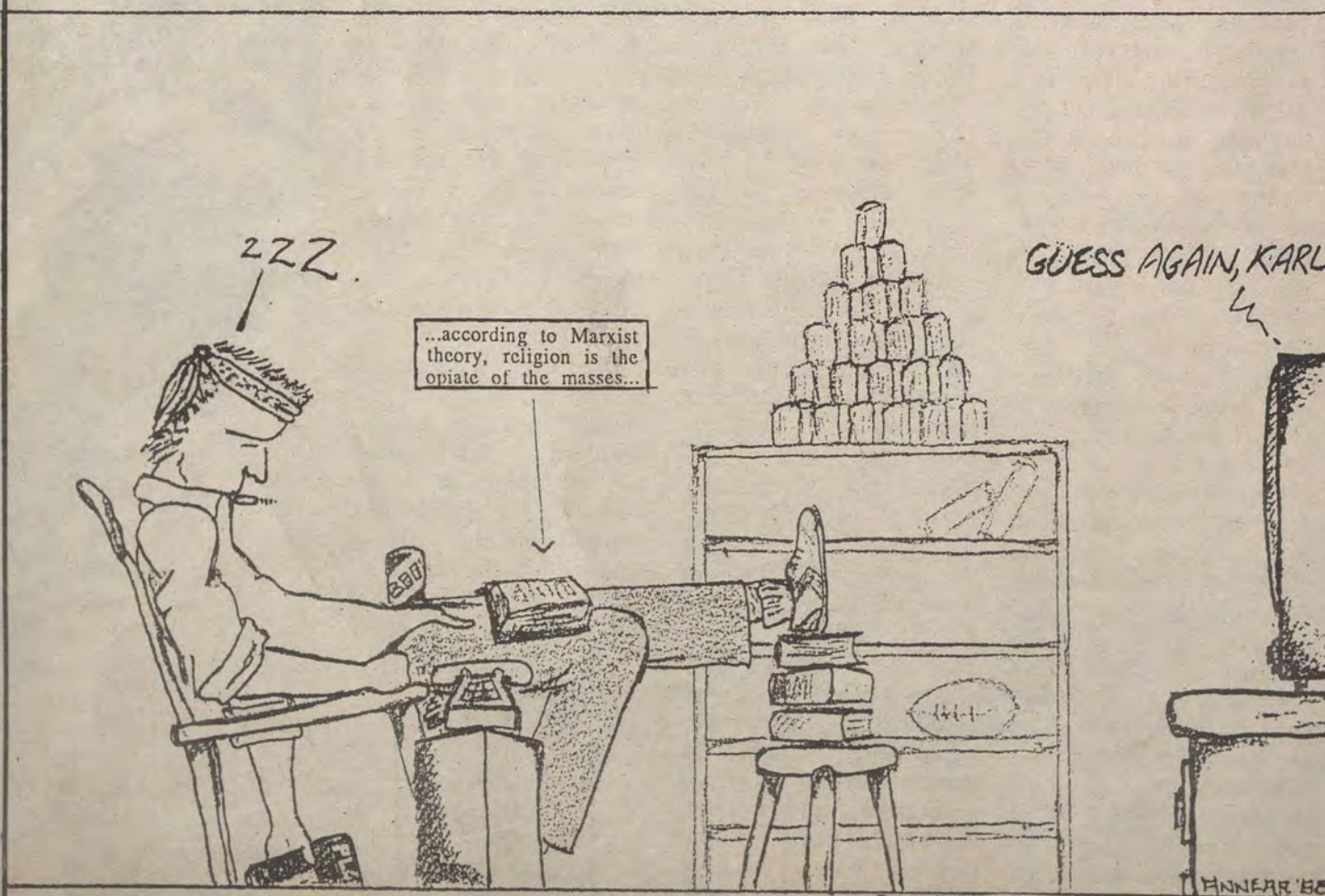
The next three special occasions will take place at the end of October. On the twenty-fourth, Greenhouse, JSI, and the Calliope Society will sponsor A Night With Ellie Wiesel. We will start at Stavro's Pizza Palace with dinner at 6:00 and then journey to UCF to hear Ellie Wiesel's lecture.

On the 25th, Kurt Vonnegut comes to town. Greenhouse and the Calliope Society are sponsoring "Talk with ya mouthfull." This will take place in the French House with dinner 6:00. Then Larry VanSickle and Roy Starling will arrive at 8:00 to discuss the crazy antics of Vonnegut.

These are just some of the exciting events planned, others include celebrating Shakespeare's birthday and maybe even sponsoring a "pun party". If you are interested, please contact Julie Sloan, x2997, Phil Zeis, x2620, or Rick Juergens at 645-5127. Our next meeting will be on October 17th at 4:00, rm. 206, Orlando Hall. Remember Calliope's revenge.

## BOURGEOIS BOB

by James Annear



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Hurricane (continued from pg. 11)

the rest of the hotel room. Trees were crashing down everywhere, and I could hear glass shattering from other rooms. I stayed in my room for quite a while, then I moved to the lobby of the hotel where the chances of being hit by falling ceiling beams was greatly reduced."

By nine o'clock PM, the eye of Hurricane Gilbert had blown over Merida, temporarily silencing the storm. Dr. Hellmuth and his colleagues took this opportunity to briefly investigate the damage outside the hotel, "we walked the flooded streets, amazed at the quantity of uprooted trees, the air was completely still, not a drop of rain fell, and the night was just silent."

However at one o'clock AM, Gilbert struck again with the same unbridled intensity as before and, again, Dr. Hellmuth waited out the storm from the hotel lobby, shielding himself from the falling debris. The next morning,

Hellmuth awoke to find that Hurricane Gilbert had departed just as quickly as it had arrived, leaving behind a trail of destruction. After finding Merida to be flooded, and without food or electricity, Dr. Hellmuth and his companions made the decision to travel out of Merida in search of better living conditions. That was not as easily said then done, for the Hurricane had occurred on not only a Mexican holiday, but on a weekend as well. Because Mexico does not have a disaster system, this meant that all employees had been given the three days following the hurricane off, and they could not be called back to work. Dr. Hellmuth explained the severity of the situation, "All of the bus stations were closed and the one cab-driver we found offered to take us to our destination four-hundred miles away-the only problem was that he was charging four hundred dollars! We managed to find one rent-a-car agency and rented a car for one

day for the amount it would cost to rent a car in Florida for one week!"

Dr. Hellmuth and his colleagues traveled for three days through flooded streets that covered the engine of the car, and stayed at one hotel where "there was no electricity, water of food except for warm beer-but it wasn't too bad," Dr. Hellmuth grinned, "we did get a twenty-percent discount!"

Several days later the water had receded and the airport had opened and a very thankful Dr. Hellmuth returned to the Rollins campus.

Although this was only his first closehand experience with a hurricane, Dr. Hellmuth's life can only be described as one long "Indiana Jones" adventure. He has been shot at, hunted down by savages and come face to face with many a deadly snake. For twenty-six years, Dr. Hellmuth has lived as an archaeologist and professional photographer in Guatemala. He was featured in an issue of "National Geographic"

Rollins Sandspur for his part on the team that discovered Guatemala's "Jade Jaguar Tomb."

Since 1969, he has been the founder and director of the Foundation for Latin American Anthropological Research. The goals of his foundation have been to "gain knowledge by conducting innovative scientific research that most conservative foundations wouldn't do."

Hellmuth's philosophy for the foundation is "we try to act and do, rather than worry about what we do."

His second goal of the foundation is "to help provide accurate, scientific research in terms that lay people will understand." He says, admittedly, of most archaeologists, "we bore and scare the public, we don't know how to deal with the people." However, Dr. Hellmuth seems to have found the answer to correcting the public's image of archeology as "boring". Instead of printing lengthy, tedious, publications on his subject, Hellmuth leads jungle river trips to South Mexico to the

October, 1988 p.13 Mayan ruins. Says Hellmuth of his trips, "I use the jungle river as my classroom. People from seven years to seventy-seven have journeyed with me. I've had everyone from National Geographic, to Yale and Princeton professors, as well as secretaries, teachers, lawyers, stewardesses, housewives and even students." (Who, incidentally, receive a discount).

Dr. Hellmuth stressed that these trips are not treasure seeking excursions where groups are involved in a dig and get to keep what they find. What it is, is a once in a lifetime traveling seminar through the jungle rivers of Mexico.

Those who don't opt for Dr. Hellmuth's river voyages can learn from his expertise in a more typical classroom setting. As mentioned earlier, Dr. Hellmuth will be teaching a winter term class entitled, "Palaces, Pyramids, Temples and Tombs of Ancient Mexico." This class will be enhanced with some of the 23,000 slides Hellmuth has taken of Mayan archaeological sites.

Dr. Hellmuth is also anxious to share his knowledge and adventurous life with Rollins students. He is looking for volunteers or assistant photographers to accompany him during the summer to Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras. He added that this would provide an excellent opportunity for those who are interested in experiencing field photography and having the latest technological camera equipment at their fingertips.

For those who wish to learn more about the adventurous life of Dr. Nicholas Hellmuth, sign up for his class, or make an appointment to speak to him one-on-one, however if all else fails, rent a copy of "Raiders of the Lost Ark", it's almost as thrilling as talking to Dr. Hellmuth in person.

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A younger Hellmuth, on site in Guatemala



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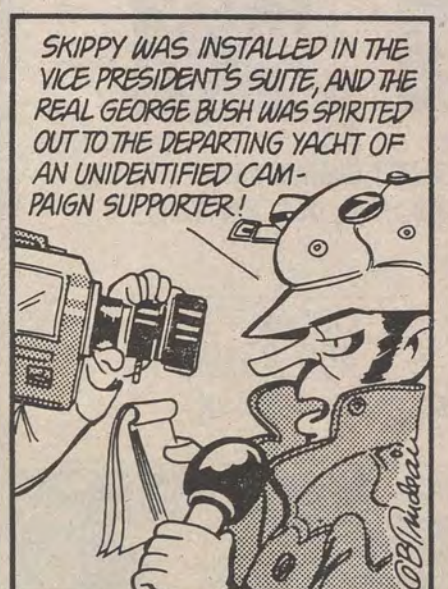
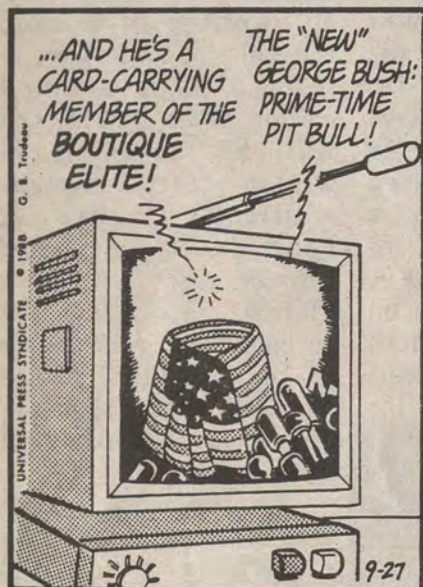
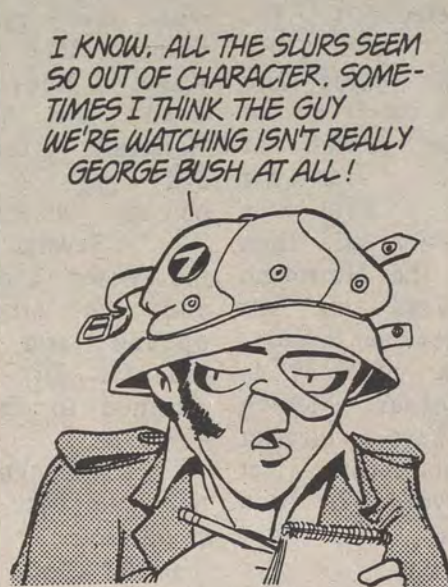
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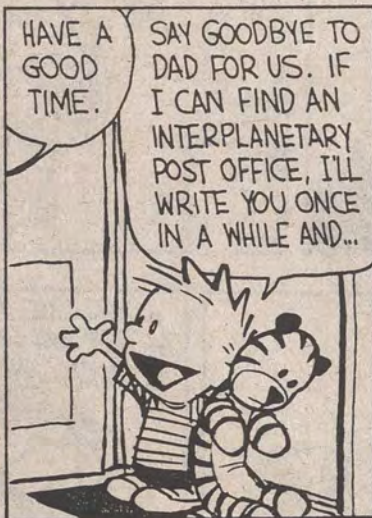
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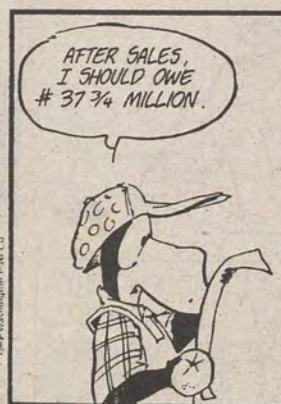
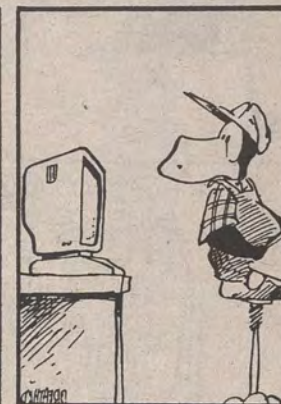
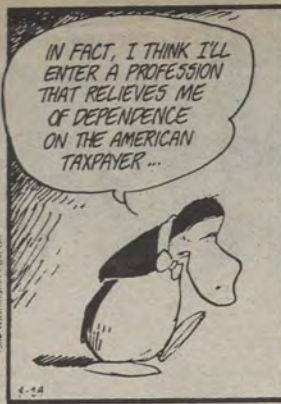
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# Sports

## Bummer in Beantown: Sox fall to the A's in American League Championship Series

by Kate Backes

The 1988 American League East and West Championships will hardly be remembered as "nail-biters". It seemed as though the Western Division Oakland A's cruised into first place in the beginning of May and never slowed down long enough to look back, clinching the title August 19th. Although the Boston Red Sox and Joe Morgan earned themselves the "Cinderella" title for their dramatic, comeback performance, there was no grand finale to this fairy tale as the Milwaukee Brewers literally clinched the title for them by losing to the A's on October 1.

Yet despite the hum-drum closing of the regular season, the American League playoffs promises to be explosive, as the heavy-hitting Oakland slugers pair off against the consistently disciplined Boston offense.

It is rare that two teams so completely opposite each other in batting strategy will meet to vie for the pennant. While the A's led the league in

homeruns, the Sox resided in the basement of that department, yet led the league in batting average, while the A's tied with lowly Cleveland.

Much of Oakland's homerun clout was instigated by the first member of the 40/40 club, Jose Canseco, along with former rookie phenom, Marc McGuire, and ex-Red Sox, Dave Henderson. The tremendous trio combined for an amazing 94 homeruns and 301 RBIs as of September 25th.

The Red Sox took a different offensive approach, yet the results were just as successful, as Wade Boggs (.366), Mike Greenwell (.335) and Dwight Evans (.302) racked up 273 RBIs with only 44 homeruns.. The fact that they led the league in batting average and runs scored, is an indication of their disciplined offensive talent.

There has been much talk of the strength of the Oakland A's bullpen, and none of it is undeserved. The Oakland bullpen put together its 61st save of the season on the 18th

of September, breaking the record Cincinnati set in 1970. Rick Honeycutt, Eric Plunk and Greg Caderet led the team as starters, while Dennis Eckersley spelled relief in a big way. What else can be said of Boston's pitching? Although two year Cy Young Award recipient, Roger Clemens failed to duplicate his spectacular 20-wins accomplished over the past two years, he showed a remarkable improvement over his mid-season drought, and ended the regular season with a respectable 18 wins. Bruce Hurst, and recently acquired Mike Boddicker, had successful seasons as well and Lee Smith lived up to up to his trade which was billed in Boston newspapers as an "act of God".

The Oakland A's have been picked, almost unanimously, to defeat the Sox. However, it is this sportswriter's prediction that the clock has not struck midnight for the "Cinderella Dream-Team". When Joe Morgan replaced terminated manager John McNamara, near the All-Star break, the Sox were in a pitiful

state. They were nine games out of first place and fueling and discension among the players was running rampant over the Wade Boggs palimony suit which threatened to drag team members into the legal boxing ring. Owner Jean Yawkey's executive decision to straighten things out resulted in bringing third base coach Joe Morgan to the head of the ship, a man who in former off-seasons drove a snowplow for the town of Walpole, Massachusetts. This managerial change seemed to serve as the incentive the Sox needed, as they quickly reversed their deficit and jumped to the top of the AL East. The Sox showed their perseverance as the team unified at a time when many teams would have crumbled. When faced with adjusting to a new manager midway through the season, as well as suffering through two potential team-splitting conflicts, (one involving Boggs, the other Jim Rice's shoving of Morgan, after Morgan decided to pinch-hit for him), seemed only to make

the team stronger. Therefore, it is my belief that even though the Red Sox may fall behind in the playoffs, they can never be counted out until the clock strikes midnight. There is too much heart and determination on this club for them to simply fold up at the sight of the powerful A's, besides, the prospect of a World Series rematch confrontation with the New York Mets is enough to make them overcome any obstacle.

The two teams do have one thing in common as both the A's and Red-Sox have players that have permanently inscribed their names in the record books this year.

Jose Canseco of the Oakland A's became the first player in the history of baseball to hit 40 home runs and steal 40 bases in the same year. An uncomprehensible feat to most major leaguers, but just an attainable goal for the 24 year-old Canseco.

The Boston Red Sox's Wade Boggs wrote his own page of history by

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## Olympic Athletes: Proud, but not poor

By Julia Morse

During the Olympics telecast on September seventeenth, the announcer discussed the possibility of adding cash bonuses to Olympic medals, as prizes. The money, he claimed, could provide incentive for participants when, "Before, their only rewards were personal achievement and national glory." I wonder how the athletes feel about this sort of statement. The announcer did not say. However, I doubt that the athletes would enter the Olympics, as they have been doing for many years, if they disagreed with the awards.

My reaction to the announcer's comment was, "Their ONLY rewards?!!" An athlete

who wins a gold or silver medal in the Olympics is my ideal. Although Olympic winners certainly deserve cash rewards, the principle of the Olympics is accomplishment and, as a result, recognition. The satisfaction gained is much more than material wealth can bring. Winning the Olympics should not be demeaned with a price tag. Cash bonuses are unnecessary, and they could be harmful.

I am opposed to granting cash rewards because I feel the monetary value would have to be continually increased in order to satisfy its recipients. Sadly, money could become incentive to train and to win the Olympics. With money as incentive, athletes often become greedy

and might even determine their own worth according to their "price." Motivation to excel in

Olympic events should be "personal achievement and national glory," not money!





## SPORTS

## Dolphins look forward to name change in '89

by James Annear

What is going on with the Miami Dolphins this season? They have brought new meaning to the word 'bad'. The offense, last year's saving grace, has failed to produce any of the high scores, electrifying plays, or wins of years past. The defense will probably be rated number 29 this year, which will be a neat trick as there are only 28 teams. The defensive unit is so bad that when they enter the game the fans have begun to chant "Olphins! Olphins!" because, as was explained by long time Dolfan Mr. I. Will Duit, "they ain't got no 'D'."

The Dolphins have broken tradition this year; they have begun to play dirty. Penalties rack up like Rollins parking tickets, which makes for a team which really ought to consider transferring to a local Pee-Wee league.

As a matter of fact the Dolphins have

decided to change their name next year because owner Joe Robbie feels that a change, indeed any change, might help his franchise. Maybe he ought to buy into McDonald's. At any rate, the name change will be instituted when next year's schedule is announced, but our investigative reporter has the "inside scoop." He told our Miami offices that the Dolphin's new name will be; "The Miami Tampons, because they're only good for one period and don't have a second string." We think Robbie has come up with a winner there. With a little more persistence, our snoop managed to get a hold of some of next year's tentative schedule. A pre-season game will be played against the Pompano Beach Math and Chess Club with the Knight's conceding a 10 point handicap to the 'Pons. Later in the season, around mid-October,

the All Saint's Church boys choir are scheduled to suit up. Don Shula, 'Pon's head coach, is particularly worried about this game stating, "The sopranos have a really good pass rush and with our injuries I'm worried they might just up and run right underneath our offensive line." He further stated that his new offensive coach, Harry Belafonte, has come up with a good plan to eliminate the pass rush problem. Coach Belafonte claims that by holding their knees together the linemen will effectively cut off the rusher's route, and that if they do this hard enough they might even beat the "Choirboys" at their own game.

That's all we could get for you this time around, but we'll have more just as soon as we can. Our snoop says "hello" and says that he wants to be recognized next time you see him

on T.V. We think he's just seeking fame and fortune but we owe him one, so watch out for him next week -- he'll be the one in the furry dolphin suit.



## THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"It's Vince, all right. It's his nose, his mouth, his fur ... but his eyes — there's something not quite right about his eyes."

## The Press Box

## Baseball '88: Parity Reigns in the National League

by Michael Truax

When will the National League ever again have two decent pennant races from the first pitch of opening day to the final out of the regular season? This will not be an easy question to answer in the near future considering that most of the league remains riddled with parity, while the Mets and Dodgers are way out ahead of the rest.

No one appears ready to seriously threaten the Mets' stranglehold on first place in the NL East for the next year or two. Even with New Yorkers complaining about a mediocre season after a torrid 30-11 start, the Mets are clearly the superior team in the East. Considering Gary Carter's homerun drought, Howard Johnson's dramatic falloff, Keith Hernandez' series of injuries and Sid Fernandez' mid-season ineffectiveness, and my point becomes clear. The Mets did not collapse, while most other teams would have disappeared from sight.

Sure, several teams had a shot at it. The Pittsburgh Pirates actually supplanted the Mets from first place during the opening weeks of the season, but as expected with youth and inexperience, the Buccos fell from grace and were long out of it by the early days of September. General manager Sid Thrift tried to avert the slide with some late season acquisitions, but ended up getting fired for it after the season. However, look for the Bucs to further improve next season, and make a stronger run at it with maturing sluggers Bobby Bonilla and Barry Bonds.

In August, new lights were turned on for the first time in Wrigley Field, thanks largely due to the efforts of former Cub executive Dallas Green, who had the wisdom to realize that Cub fans should no longer be deprived of night baseball. As for the team, rookies Mark Grace and Rafael Palmeiro catalyzed the offense, keeping the

team near second through June. If Cub pitcher Greg Maddux could have been as effective after the All-Star break as before, the team would have stayed longer in the race.

Meanwhile, the Expos endured a series of team slumps, including a horrendous west coast trip this summer, but finished a predictable third. A series of trades involving non-producers for young outfielders Tracy Jones and Dave Martinez will prove to be steals in the future. The re-emergence of both Pascual Perez and Dennis Martinez helped solidify a starting staff that kept the team near the top.

St. Louis, my fourth place prediction this past spring, naturally struggled after winning the National League Championship the year before. This post Championship year jinx, which originally started in 1983 after the Cards won the '82 World Series found the team in a season long

offensive slump, but not quite as dramatic as in '86. Trades for power hitters Tom Brunansky and Pedro Guerrero will pan out in the future, but increased run production only slightly. At any rate, if the past is any indicator, the Cards are in line for another World Series trophy next year.

And then there's Philadelphia. After a sparkling 3-1 start, the Phils plummeted from contention like an incoming meteorite. With the team out of it, the casualties began to mount, including injuries to Mike Schmidt (rotator cuff) and Von Hayes (elbow), both requiring surgery. Schmidt's future with the team remains in limbo. Even worse, the Phils invented new ways to lose. How many times can a pitcher throw to the backstop with two outs in the ninth inning with the winning run at third base? New GM Lee Thomas, who replaced newly hired Woody Woodward in June, will hold a garage sale this

winter. Former Cardinals third base coach Nick Leyva replaces the fired Lee Elia as manager.

Over in the National League West, Los Angeles rose from fifth place in 1987 to capture yet another divisional crown. Tommy Lasorda's job is once again secure after the front office's winter acquisitions came through. The signing of Kirk Gibson allowed the team to later trade Pedro Guerrero, which brought Cardinal ace John Tudor to Los Angeles. A much improved bullpen has really been the key, since Jay Howell and former Met Jesse Orosco have shut the door in late innings.

Up the coast, however, the Giants have struggled all year. A favorite during pre-season, last year's division champs have just not found a winning combination. Most of last year's nucleus remains, but the loss of run

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production from traded Jeff Leonard and free agent loss Chili Davis may be the difference. Obviously, the front office felt that the free agent signing of Brett Butler and the continued run production of struggling Candy Maldonado and Mike Aldrete would more than make up for it.

After bowing to San Francisco in the final weeks of last season under manager Pete Rose, the Reds spent last winter filling holes. After acquiring pitchers Danny Jackson (now a 23 game winner) and Jose Rijo, many predicted a divisional title. Although pitching remains much improved, the offense, with the likes of Eric Davis and Kal Daniels, struggled for Pete Rose. This raises an interesting question: Will Schottzie replace Rose at the helm? Well not if Dave Letterman has a say in it, anyway.

Meanwhile, the Houston Astros are looking for a new manager after recently firing Hal Lanier, who was named manager of the year just two years ago. The Astros, finishing a mediocre fourth, continue to search for an offense to build around slugger Glenn Davis. Ageless Nolan Ryan and Bob Knepper lead a strong pitching staff that is often the victim of low run production.

Look for the Padres to finish much closer next season, possibly moving ahead of Houston and the Giants. A talented, young club, San Diego improved immensely under new manager Jack McKeon, who took over for Larry Bowa warlier this year. Apparently McKeon has created a much more positive clubhouse atmosphere than under the quick tempered Bowa. Tony Gwynn, John Kruk and Carmelo Martinez ignite a threatening

offense, while newly acquired Dennis Rasmussen and Mark Davis lead a developing pitching staff.

Even the lowly Baltimore Orioles nearly finished with a better record than the Atlanta Braves. When will this group once again be proudly called America's team? Improvement may be seen a few years down the road when the team's talented, but young pitching staff matures. As for now, the Braves will have a long shopping list for the winter meetings.

In post season action, look for the Mets to defeat the Dodgers in five games for the National League crown. However, New York will bow to the new World Champion Oakland Athletics in seven games, reminiscent of the 1973 World Series between the Mets and A's.

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becoming the first player in this century to have over 200 hits for six consecutive seasons. The six-time batting champ also joined the ranks of Lou Gehrig as the only two players to have 200 hits and 100 walks in three consecutive seasons. At this rate, he's going to need his own chapter in the history books.

Although the strategies and attitudes of the Boston Red Sox and the Oakland Athletics are as diverse as they come, both teams are similar in that they are

overflowing with talent of the past, such as Dwight Evans and Dave Parker, as well as the shining stars of the future, represented by Mike Greenwell and Jose Canseco. A telling indication that the success of these teams will most definitely continue from their championships in 1988.

In a way, being a Red Sox fan is like being Charlie Brown when Lucy offers to hold the football. You know she is going to pull it up at the last moment because she always pulls it up at the last moment. You know you will swing your foot... it will meet nothing but empty air... and flat on your fanny you will go. And yet she smiles sweetly and talks you into it...and you are doomed to do it again... and again... and again.

It is with great regret that we announce that this article is now irrelevant and pointless. The Red Sox lost this weekend, but we thought we would offer you the opportunity to examine the optimism of a die-hard fan, written before the realization of this sad fact. Thanks

- Stephen King

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